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**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.313(c)(2)  
 TO PERMIT CONSIDERATION OF AN INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
 IN A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

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Applicant hereby petitions for the withdrawal of this application from issue under 37 CFR § 1.313 (c)(2).

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The issue fee for this case was paid on August 10, 2004.

**REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**

The reason for withdrawal from issue of this application is for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in a Request for Continued Examination.

**FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
 UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114**

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 is being submitted via facsimile with this petition. The RCE Transmittal paper and Information Disclosure Statement are attached.

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Please charge the petition fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(b), and if necessary, charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

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